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## PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

### Social Calendar.

Mid-week prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday nights. You are invited to come.

Sunday school at both the Presbyterian and Baptist churches every Sunday morning. You are welcome and your presence will be appreciated at either place.

Rev. J. E. Robinson will fill his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church here next Sunday.

Christian Endeavor society meets at the Presbyterian church Sunday nights. Interesting topics are discussed; and you are requested to come.

Traynor Witt is slightly indisposed this week.

Mr. Frank Frye of Ducktown was here Monday, and gave our office a pleasant call.

Jonas Rogers and family, of Cleveland, spent Sunday with relatives here.

W. L. Lea of Austral had his name placed on our subscription list last week.

J. H. Love, the Luzianne coffee drummer, spent a few days recently with his family at this place.

There was a song service at the Baptist church last Sunday. The choir, with Andrew Kerr as leader, rendered some good music.

Mrs. W. F. Rymer went to Archville Wednesday, where she will spend a few days with her son, Jesse Rymer.

Some land situated in the 6th district was sold at public outcry by Walter M. Harrison on last Saturday to satisfy a deed of trust made to Mr. Harrison by James Smith, former owner of the land. It was bought by Dr. J. D. Nuchols.

Advised Letters for Oct.—O. Leo Bro, W. O. Lowe, Mrs. Jno L. Price, Miss Sallie Harrison, E. A. Suen. Cards—Miss Jessie Rymer, Buck Casada. Walter M. Harrison, P. M.

The protracted meeting at Rahts Chapel continues, with four conversions and interest running high. Several from here have been attending.

Revs. Hall and Evans are conducting a protracted meeting at Oak Grove. Prospects are good for a successful series of meetings there.

Ed Byrd has resumed his work of painting the new three story business building. Ed says "It's wonderful how a little bit of paint will help the looks of a building." He likes to paint, and takes pleasure in doing a good job.

Mrs. Mary R. Biggs of Dodd City, Texas; a former resident of this county, sends the paper two dollars, one to pay her subscription for a year and one to pay a years subscription for Thomas Cooper, of Lamasco, Tex., route 1. Mrs. Biggs says in her letter "Your paper has been coming regularly, and we enjoy hearing from Benton so much. Please return my thanks to the Historical Society for the honor conferred on me as a member."

We are now having some more dry weather.

Rev. Rymer filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday.

The Holiness church, better known as the holy rollers, held all-day services in a tent near Alex Rymer's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Couch of Madisonville are spending a few days with relatives in and near Benton.

We understand that there will be an all-day singing service at the Benton Station church next Sunday.

A good many of the county citizens from the different sections were here at county court Monday.

Jesse and Henry Forkner of Cleveland, accompanied by their wives, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. T. E. Byrd.

The many friends of Mrs. D. A. Arnwine, who has been sick for a few weeks, will be glad to learn that she is improving nicely.

J. L. Kinser was called to his home at Ocoee Monday on account of the sickness of his wife. He has returned to his work here, Mrs. Kinser being much improved.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shamblin, grandmother of Hon. John S. Shamblin, spent a few days recently with relatives here. She resides on a farm on route 1 and will be 92 years of age next Sunday.

Divine services in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and night. Morning subject: Knowing the Unknowable. Evening subject: Heroes and Cowards. You are cordially invited to spend an hour in worship with us.

Lax Fos for sale at Russell's store.

Write us the local news from your locality. The paper is sent free to regular correspondents. Don't forget to sign your name.

### Holston Conference.

Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convened at Cleveland last week, continuing until Monday of this week. Many prominent speakers of that denomination were present, and preached. The different districts of the Holston Conference were well represented. Following are a few of the appointments which are of interest to our readers:

Carlock circuit (including Benton)—A. M. Tomlinson. Ducktown—E. B. Clapp. Charleston—A. J. Thomas.

### Cody Uses Spoon to Gain His Liberty.

Fort Smith, Ark., October 1.—William Cody, sought by the police of Chattanooga, Tenn., on charges of highway robbery, escaped from jail here today by digging through a two-foot brick wall with a spoon and sliding to the ground on a rope of blankets. Cody escaped from the same jail a year ago after being dangerously wounded. Cody was arrested yesterday in a hospital where he had been taken after being wounded in a fight with a negro highwayman.

## POLK COUNTY TO HAVE 12 DISTRICTS

### County Court creates the 12th by Dividing the 8th--Doings of the County Court at this Quarters' Session.

County court met Monday. Chairman James H. Williamson called the meeting to order and read his quarterly report. He then commented on topics pertaining to the county.

A motion was made to create a new district by dividing the eighth, making a total of twelve districts in the county. The motion was carried through within five minutes after it had been made. This new district will, of course, give the section

of the county above the mountains two more justices of the peace.

The question of having the county records examined was mentioned, and some of the justices suggested that if any one knew of any part of the county's business that had been transacted wrong, they should ask for an investigation. After some discussion in regard to the cost of having an expert accountant examine the records the matter was dropped.

### Items By Our Correspondents That May or May Not Interest You.

#### Some More Ruminating.

Mr. Editor:—

We have been ruminating about an item in the Benton News-Gazette, published in the Cleveland Journal and Banner in its issue of October 8. The writer says in part: "It has been told here that the Tennessee Power Company's plant at Parksville is put up in the Bradley county exhibit (at Knoxville). Us people here wonder when these plants were placed in Bradley county. We all thought they were here in Polk county. Somebody sure has cheek, brass or something to give Bradley county credit at the Exposition for our power plants. Polk county appropriated \$500 to the building, then all honors are given to Bradley and McMinn. Is that not brazen, outrageous stealing?"

Well, yes; that is mighty awfully scandalously bad to be treated that way, and we think that if we were guilty of so great a crime, we would get down in sack-cloth and ashes and try to get forgiveness--yes, if we were the guilty party--that's where the rub comes. Now, honest Indian, who's fault is it that Polk county has no exhibit at the Exposition? Of course the Exposition management made a bad mistake when they named Hon. N. B. Dunn of McMinn county to manage the Polk county exhibits; not because Nep Dunn is not well qualified to fill the position as Chairman of the Polk county exhibits, for he is a gentleman well qualified for that or any other position of trust; but because he is a citizen of McMinn, not of Polk county. We understand that the Exposition management, as soon as they found their mistake, tried to correct it, but for some reason the officials of Polk did not accept their apology.

But now, that is not what we were ruminating about. Who's fault is it that we have no exhibit at the Exposition? We have been to Cleveland a time or two of late, and we stopped at the Artz Hotel. One thing and about the first thing we noticed was a large picture hanging on the wall, showing a view of the

big dam at Parksville, and under the picture some printing, telling strangers that the big dam is located about sixteen miles from Cleveland. On the writing table were a lot of pens and envelopes, both advertising the Arts Hotel and also a picture of the Parksville dam on both the paper and envelopes, and printing telling strangers that this big dam is located sixteen miles from Cleveland. Jake Artz didn't have the cuts of the dam made and put on his stationery with the intention of stealing, but just because he is an energetic Dutchman and believes in advertising his business. The hotel men of Benton could have pictures of the dam in their offices and on their stationery if they wanted to, and they could say, and that truthfully, that the big Parksville dam is located in Polk county, six miles from Benton. It would not cost much, and would help advertise Benton.

Yes, it's mighty bad that Bradley county is getting the free advertising at the Exposition, but there is nobody to blame but the people of Polk county. In place of it being brazen, outrageous stealing on the part of Bradley and McMinn it seems to us more like low down trifling laziness and contrariness of Polk county.

JOHN S. SHAMBLIN

#### Benton Station.

The health of this community is very good at present.

The Sunday school at this place is progressing nicely at present.

Mr. Sam Hunt who has been visiting in Kansas returned last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lawson spent Saturday in Cleveland.

Anderson Bain of Fetzerton spent Monday night with D. E. Buch.

There will be an all-day singing at the Benton Station church next Sunday, conducted by Messrs. Andrew Kerr and Sam Hunt. Both gentlemen are good singers, and we expect to have some good music. Come and see.

## CLEMMER'S COLUMNS.

BY J. D. CLEMMER

### The Last War

#### Time Schools

Interrupted by Gatewood's Raid

A boy hauling thresher toll wheat from Bradley county in a wagon pulled by a small yoke of oxen, for John Hannab, owner of Parks' mill (Parksville) coming toward them from northward heard the shots, stopped his wagon and pretended to be fixing something about the yoke, and heard one of the gang say as they turned the corner into the lane leading eastward in edge of woods where the school house now stands, since having been moved from the Cumberland Shed church yard, "He is not going to run, so it is no use going out that way." This boy, Jake Monds, had been in the Confederate army and along with details, sent out to arrest deserters, and knew that lead always followed men who ran under such conditions. Monds waited till the crowd passed on, heard them shoot twice in the lane, then waited till Mr. Hannab came along behind him on an old blind mare (his good young stock was hidden in the island just below Parksville.) Then they proceeded thru the lane, and in passing some fattening hogs near the road, saw a large pool of blood in the road. Monds said "I guess they have killed a hog, stuck it and took it along with them." Just inside the fence, hid in the bushes, lay the man who had lost the blood, heard what they said, thought they were part of Gatewood's crowd, lay still and let the life-blood continue to

flow unchecked, and they passed on until called by Mrs. Armstrong, across the fields, to help carry her son into the house, which they did.

Afterward a man was captured. Mrs. Armstrong swore he was the one who shot her son, and as he was being taken to Cleveland Blount Armstrong killed him to revenge his brother's death.

That evening an old man named Patterson was told by the raiders where they had killed the man in the lane, came hurrying back their trail and found the man whose name was Raper lying there, weak from the loss of almost all his blood. He told Patterson of the young man in the ox wagon and the old man on the blind horse passing and of hearing what they said. Raper died that night; a week later his brother threatened killing an old man near there who had wrongfully charged of the murder. The old man, unarmed rolled up his sleeves, shook his fist in Raper's face in the presence of Raper's Fannin county neighbors, all armed; denied the accusation and dared Raper to shoot. Raper abused the old man with his tongue, but left him unharmed.

Going from the lane, past the once shed at Cumberland camp ground and on eastward, the Gatewood raiders entered the old Federal road north-east of Morgan Orr's (where Masonic hall now is) and went northward along this historic highway, allowing the Rev. McClary to mount an old lame mule before reaching Ocoee river.

### Appalachia.

School at this place is progressing nicely; the attendance continues to be very good.

Miss Margaret Pritchard who spent the past month with her relatives here, has returned to her home in Chattanooga. She was accompanied by her cousin Miss Mary Brown, who will spend some time visiting relatives in Chattanooga.

Charles Blackwell is sick. Messrs. Farnice and Varnell Plemons are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Ingle.

Miss Elizabeth Lyle spent Saturday and Sunday at Ducktown, attending the Association which was held at the Mine City Baptist church.

The most interesting event that has happened here for some time was a candy-pulling given by Mr. Harrison Hamby, recently. A good crowd was present and the evening was greatly enjoyed.

Best wishes to THE NEWS-GAZETTE. If this escapes the waste-basket I will come again.

TAR HEEL.

Most any of us like a good joke when the joke is not on us.

There's lots of truth in that old saying "Life has its ups and downs--mostly downs."

It is far more profitable to be the humblest type of man and be at peace with God and with all mankind, than to be rich in gold and act as a servant for a rich corporation.

No paper prints it all--take THE NEWS-GAZETTE.

### No Tarrying.

Time and tide once waited for a man, But since that day their schedule they've been trimmin'; For they'd be late to where's the "Goodbye Gate" If once they paused and waited for the women.

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

### County Directory.

Trustee, F. D. Copeland. Sheriff, Albert Crumley. Superintendent of schools, W. B. Rucker. Register, J. E. Cook. Circuit court meets the third Mondays in March, July and November. Sam C. Brown, judge; T. W. Peace, Attorney General; C. S. Harrison, clerk. Ducktown Law court meets fourth Mondays in March, July and November. W. A. Woody, clerk.

Chancery court meets the 4th Mondays in April and October. V. C. Allen, chancellor; A. J. Williams, clerk and master.

Quarterly court meets first Mondays in January, April, July and October. Quorum court opens first Monday in each month. J. H. Williamson, chm. T. O. Pack, clerk.

### Church Directory

Presbyterian—Rev. J. E. Robinson, pastor, Preaching second Sunday in each month.

Baptist—Rev. W. H. Rymer, pastor, Preaching first and third Sundays in each month.

Methodist—Rev. T. M. Hicks, supply, Preaching fourth Sunday in each month.